

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were pending. Claims 3, 11 and 19 have been canceled. Claims 1, 4, 9, 12, 17 and 20 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 4-10, 12-18, and 20-23 remain pending subsequent entry of the present amendment.

In the present Office Action, claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 19 and 20 are deemed to correspond to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by EP0798632 (hereinafter "Yung"). Applicant respectfully traverses at least some of the above rejections. Nevertheless, in order to facilitate speedy allowance of the present application, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims to include subject matter deemed allowable in the present Action. In particular, the features of claim 3 have been incorporated into claim 1, the features of claim 11 have been incorporated into claim 9, and the features of claim 19 have been incorporated into claim 17. Accordingly, each of the independent claims are believed in condition for allowance. In addition, each of the dependent claims are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons corresponding to the independent claims upon which they depend.

Applicant believes the application to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner believe there are issues remaining, a telephone interview is requested by the below signed representative at (512) 853-8866 in order to facilitate a resolution.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5500-67400/RDR.

Respectfully submitted,



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